

device from which said terminal ball depends, said free end portion defining a generally central axis and terminating in an extreme end which is deviated from said central axis. --

Remarks

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this reissue application is respectfully requested.

This Preliminary Amendment presents the identical amendments to the abstract, specification and claims as originally filed, but the amendments have been reformatted to satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.173.

The status of the amended claims and support for the claim changes was provided by Applicant upon filing this re-issue application.

The informalities noted in the Notice To File Missing Parts have been satisfied by this Preliminary Amendment. In particular, a Supplemental Declaration has been submitted in which Applicant affirmatively states that the application is not assigned. Additionally, the re-issue specification is now provided in double-column format as required by 27 C.F.R. 1.173 (a) (1).

Reissue claims 1-45 are presented for examination.



Respectfully submitted,

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